have no fixed proposal to import horticulture planting material, but it is imported as and when required by different Institutions/Companies.

Provisions of compensation for multiple duties and taxes on exports

1553. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is working on any scheme of providing full compensation for the incidence of multiple duties and taxes on exports;

(b) whether any consultations have been held in this regard with the exporters; and

(c) whether the proposed scheme is thought about by the Ministry in view of the proposed withdrawal of Duty Entitlement Passbook Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. In the Foreign Trade Policy announced on 31st of August, 2004, it was mentioned that the DEPB Scheme will continue to be operative until it is replaced by a new Scheme which will be drawn up in consultation with the exporters.

Accordingly wide ranging consultations have been held and based on the feedback obtained from the exporters and exporters' organizations Government is formulating a Scheme for compensation of various duties and levies on exports. The Scheme is being formulated with the help of National Council for Applied Economic Research and Rajiv Gandhi Foundation/Economic Law practice.

Marketing rights to NOVARTIS

1554. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether exclusive marketing rights has been granted by the Government to NOVARTIS for Glevac, an anti-cancer medicine;

(b) if so, what is the present price of Glevac by Novartis (per ampule); and

(c) what was the price per ampule on Glevac which was earlier produced by six Indian Companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E V K S ELANGOVAN) (a) Yes Sir

(b) and (c) The prices per ampule of Glevac produced by Novartis and other Indian Companies as reported by the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority are as under.

Name of Company	Brand Name	Price per capsule
Novartis	Glivac Capsule-100mg	Rupees 940.00
Natco	Veenat-100mg	Rupees 90.00
Sun Pharma	Imalek Capsule-100mg	Rupees 85 00
Ranbaxy	Zoleta Capsule	Rupees 100 00
Cipla	Imatib Capsule-100mg	Rupees 57 65 Paise
Shanta Biotech	Shantinib-100mg	Rupees 99 00

Pact with South East Asian Nations for duty free import of pepper

1555. SHRI N.K PREMACHANDRAN Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state

(a) whether Government arrived at trade pact with any South East Asian Nation other than Sri Lanka to allow duty free import of pepper;

(b) whether Government are aware that pepper from various South East Asian nations are dumped in Kerala under the cover of the Indo-Sri Lanka trade accord; if so, whether Government propose to initiate any remedial measures therefor;

(c) whether Government of Kerala sought the intervention of the Government for the import of pepper through a specified port; and

(d) if so, the decision taken thereon and whether Government propose to restrict the dumping from the South East Asian Nations if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K S ELANGOVAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Bilateral trade between India and Sri Lanka is governed by Indo-Sri Lanka Free Trade Agreement (ISLFTA 1998). While there has been no instance of violation of ISLFTA, import of pepper from Sri Lanka into India under the duty free facilities of ISLFTA, has shown an increasing trend. Government has already initiated action in this regard through the process of India-Sri Lanka Bilateral Discussions to find an early solution.